

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DARON E. WHITT,

Defendant.

No. 13-cr-30134-DRH

ORDER

HERNDON, Chief Judge:


This matter was referred to United States Magistrate Donald G. Wilkerson for the specific purpose of conducting a change of plea for defendant Daron E. Whitt, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636, LOCAL RULE 72.1(b)(2) and defendant Whitt (Doc. 21). Pursuant to FEDERAL RULE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE 11, the change of plea hearing was held on November 18, 2013 (Doc. 19). During the change of plea, defendant Whitt pled guilty to Count I of the Indictment following a thorough colloquy with Judge Wilkerson. Thereafter, Judge Wilkerson issued a Report and Recommendation (“the Report”) recommending that the Court accept defendant Whitt’s plea of guilty (Doc. 25).

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B), the parties were allowed fourteen days to file written objections. As of this date, neither party has filed an objection. Therefore, the Court **ADOPTS** the Report in its entirety. Thus, based on the record in the case, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge, the consent of the defendant to plead before the magistrate without subsequent

objection, it is the finding of the Court in the case of *United States v. Daron E. Whitt*, that defendant Whitt was fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea, that defendant Whitt was aware of the nature of the charges and the consequences of the plea, and that the plea of guilty was a knowing and voluntary plea supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of the offense. Accordingly, the Court **ACCEPTS** the guilty plea and **ADJUDGES** defendant Daron E. Whitt **GUILTY** on the charge in the Indictment. The Court **REMINDS** the parties that this matter is set for sentencing on April 4, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 9th day of December, 2013.

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Chief Judge
United States District Court